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Grade: 6 Reading

Date _____

Theme 1 Selection: 2

"Passage to Freedom"

Read the selection.

Then answer the following questions.

1. The main purpose of this passage is to

- a) help you understand Japanese customs.
- b) persuade readers to become Japanese diplomats.
- c) provide readers with information about Lithuania.
- d) understand how the actions of one person can affect the lives of others.

2. Mr. Sugihara wrote out more visas than he should have because

- a) his government wanted him to help the Jewish people.
- b) his family helped him realize that it was the right thing to do.
- c) he liked helping the German army.

3. Which statement is an opinion?

- a) Mr. Siguhara saved thousands of refugees during World War II.
- b) Mr. Sugihara was a brave man.
- c) Many refugees came to Mr. Sugihara asking for visas.
- d) Mr. Sugihara was a Japanese diplomat.

4. An important idea from the story is that

- a) the refugees from Poland needed help in order to survive.
- b) many refugees wanted to stay in Lithuania.
- c) the Japanese government was proud of Mr. Sugihara.
- d) the German army was coming to save the refugees.

5. In this story, "A huge weight was lifted off his shoulders," means

- a) removing something heavy from around the neck.
- b) removing a burden from someone's mind.
- c) picking up an object and moving it.

6. What is the main problem that Mr. Sugihara faces in the story?

- a) Should he write more visas than he is allowed?
- b) Should he help the German army?
- c) Should he help some of the people but not everyone?

7. This story is written in which point of view?

- a) first person
- b) second person
- c) third person

8. Which statement best summarizes the theme of this selection?

- a) People help others in times of need.
- b) People often think of themselves first and not others.
- c) People always treat others with compassion.

9. Mr. Sugihara can be best described as

- a) unfriendly.
- b) dishonest.
- c) disrespectful.
- d) compassionate.

Open-ended Response:

Why do you think Mr. Sugihara's decision to write visas for the refugees was a difficult one? Give two details from the passage to support your response.

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Answer Key and Eligible Content

Item Number	Answer	Descriptor	Assessment Anchor
1	d	Main Idea/Details	R6.A.1.4.1
2	b	Main Idea/Details	R6.A.1.4.1
3	d	Fact/Opinion	R6.B.3.1.1
4	c	Main Idea/Details	R6.A.1.4.1
5	b	Figurative Lang.	R6.B.2.1
6	a	Main Idea	R6.A.1.4.1
7	a	Point of View	R6.B.2.2.1
8	c	Summarize	R6.A.1.5.1
9	d	Character Traits	R6.B.1.1.1

Open-ended Rubric

3 Points

Response answers the question and includes two details from the story to support the response.

2 Points

Response is mostly completed but is **missing one part**. Response may include two details from the story but may not answer the question, or the response may answer the question but only give one supporting detail.

1 Point

Response is only partially completed/**missing more than one part**. Response may answer the question but omit supporting details.

0 Points

Response provides insufficient material for scoring, is inaccurate, or incomplete